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NOTICES**Calendar**

4 March, *Wednesday*. End of third quarter of Lent Term.

16 March, *Monday*. Scarlet Day. Congregation of the Regent House at 2.45 p.m. (ceremonial installation of the Chancellor).

17 March, *Tuesday*. Discussion by videoconference at 2 p.m. (see below).

20 March, *Friday*. Full Term ends.

25 March, *Wednesday*. Lent Term ends. Last ordinary issue of the *Reporter* in Lent Term.

Discussions (Tuesdays at 2 p.m.)

17 March

Congregations (at 10 a.m. unless otherwise stated)

16 March, 2.45 p.m. (ceremonial installation of the Chancellor)

28 March

11 April

Discussion on Tuesday, 17 March 2026

The Vice-Chancellor invites members of the Regent House, University and College employees, registered students and others qualified under the regulations for Discussions (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 111) to attend a Discussion by videoconference on Tuesday, 17 March 2026 at 2 p.m. The following items will be discussed:

1. Report of the Council, dated 18 February 2026, on the demolition of the former Cavendish Laboratory buildings in Cambridge West (*Reporter*, 6815, 2025–26, p. 348).
2. Report of the Council, dated 18 February 2026, on changes to Statutes J 4 and C XV (*Reporter*, 6815, 2025–26, p. 349).

Those wishing to join the Discussion by videoconference should email Discussions@admin.cam.ac.uk providing their CRSid (if a member of the collegiate University), by 10 a.m. on the date of the Discussion to receive joining instructions. Alternatively contributors may email their remarks to Discussions@admin.cam.ac.uk, by no later than 10 a.m. on the day of the Discussion for reading out by the Proctors,¹ or may ask someone else who is attending to read the remarks on their behalf.

In accordance with the regulations for Discussions, the Chair of the Board of Scrutiny or any ten members of the Regent House² may request that the Council arrange for one or more of the items listed for discussion to be discussed in person (usually in the Senate-House). Requests should be made to the Director of Governance and Compliance, on paper or by email to UniversityDraftsman@admin.cam.ac.uk from addresses within the cam.ac.uk domain, by no later than 9 a.m. on the day of the Discussion. Any changes to the Discussion schedule will be confirmed in the *Reporter* at the earliest opportunity.

For general information on Discussions see the *Reporter* website at <https://www.reporter.admin.cam.ac.uk/discussions>.

¹ Any comments sent by email should please begin with the name and title of the contributor as they wish it to be read out and include at the start a note of any College and/or Departmental affiliations held.

² <https://www.scrutiny.cam.ac.uk/> and https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/reporter/regent_house_roll/.

Flying of Flags from the Old Schools in 2026

Published for information are the days when the University Flag will be flown from the Old Schools if it is safe and practical to do so.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Occasion</i>
23 April	St George's Day
20 June	Official Birthday of HM The King
21 June	Birthday of HRH The Prince of Wales
17 July	Birthday of HM The Queen
8 September	Accession of HM The King
14 November	Birthday of HM The King

The University Flag will also be flown on all Congregation days, including 16 March (Installation of the Chancellor), 24 June (Honorary Degrees) and 1 October (Election and admission of the Proctors and Address by the Vice-Chancellor).

Additionally, a Rainbow Flag was flown from dusk on 26 February until dusk on 27 February.

Grants from the Colleges Fund

26 February 2026

The Council has received the following report from the Colleges Fund Committee, which it now publishes to the University in accordance with Regulation 4 for the Fund (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 1087).

1. The amount available in the Fund for distribution in 2025–26 is £7.062m.
2. The Colleges Fund Committee has approved the following grants to be paid in 2025–26:

<i>Total Grant</i>	
£'000	
St Edmund's College	2,723
Lucy Cavendish College	2,171
Wolfson College	1,164
Hughes Hall	994
Darwin College	10

3. The allocation is calculated by taking account of the model of a 'standard' College with a basic requirement for endowment. The figures take account of the endowment requirements of the relevant applicant College as estimated by the Committee's model having reference to numbers of undergraduate students, full-time equivalent postgraduate students, Fellows, and College Teaching Officers.

- The Committee updated the distribution mechanism to reflect better the situation of a 'standard' College in 2024.
- The Committee removed the cap on distributions which had applied until 2024.
- The Committee will keep the appropriateness of the removal of the capping mechanism under review.

4. The Colleges Fund Committee has not approved any exceptional grants in addition to the endowment-based grants listed above.

5. The Colleges Fund Committee has maintained the accelerated decision-making timetable this year to deliver outcomes earlier in the budgeting cycle of the Colleges.

Public procurement declaration

26 February 2026

The Council, on the advice of the Finance Committee, has declared that the University continues to remain outside the scope of public procurement legislation applicable in the UK, as it is less than 50% publicly funded. The calculation is carried out annually to ensure that it remains possible to make the declaration. The Council intends the University's procurement procedures should continue to follow the good practice set out in the legislation, as well as that in the University's Financial Regulations (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 1056); see also: <https://www.finance.admin.cam.ac.uk/policy-and-procedures/financial-regulations>.

University of Cambridge Financial Regulations

26 February 2026

The Council, on the advice of the Finance Committee, has agreed to update the Financial Regulations (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 1056) to refer to the Procurement Act 2023, which came into force on 24 February 2025. In Section M, the reference to 'the EU Public Procurement Directives and implementing UK Regulations' has been replaced with a reference to 'the Procurement Act 2023'.

VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS, ETC.

Election

The following election has been made:

Professor ALESSANDRO ABATE, M.Sc., Ph.D., *University of California, Berkeley*, Professor of Verification and Control, University of Oxford, elected Professor of Control Engineering with effect from 6 April 2026.

EVENTS, COURSES, ETC.**Announcement of lectures, seminars, etc.**

The University offers a large number of lectures, seminars and other events, many of which are free of charge, to members of the University and others who are interested. Details can be found on individual Faculty, Department and institution websites, on the What's On website (<https://www.admin.cam.ac.uk/whatson/>) and on Talks.cam (<https://www.talks.cam.ac.uk/>). A variety of training courses are also available to members of the University, information and booking for which can be found online at <https://www.training.cam.ac.uk/>.

Brief details of upcoming events are given below.

Faculty of Divinity

The Yerushah Lecture 2026: 'Embodying change: Jewish women treading new pathways', by Rabbi Dr Lindsey Taylor-Guthartz and Soferet Dr Jen Taylor Friedman, on Wednesday, 11 March 2026 from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. in the Runcie Room, Faculty of Divinity, Sidgwick Site; all welcome, registration not required; further details: <https://www.interfaith.cam.ac.uk/events/embodying-change-jewish-women-treading-new-pathways> and <https://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/about-us/confseminars/named-lectures/yerushah-lecture>

NOTICES BY THE GENERAL BOARD**Future of the veterinary medicine course at Cambridge**

3 March 2026

The General Board is providing this update to follow up its meeting last week on the future of veterinary education at Cambridge, and the decision to continue the veterinary medicine course.¹ The Council, with input from the Board, will publish a response to the remarks made on 13 January about the Topic of concern separately, which will address some misunderstandings about the deliberations to date. However, the Board also wants to set out a factual account of the process that led to its decision, and next steps.

The challenges facing Cambridge's veterinary medicine course relate to two structural features: the small size of the course, which is constrained by the number of places available in the Colleges, and the science-intensive curriculum, which is difficult to align with the evolving accreditation standards of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS). These features have made it increasingly difficult to find a sustainable operating model for the course.

Since 2018, a failed business plan for running the teaching hospital that supports the course has added to the challenges. The General Board initiated a review in May 2023 to consider options for providing clinical teaching, including distribution to external providers. In November 2024, the course reached a crisis point, with the accumulation of years of financial losses and a highly critical accreditation report from the RCVS. The General Board agreed to stand down the wider review, to focus on restoring the course to full accreditation.

At that point, the School of the Biological Sciences stepped in to provide the necessary leadership, resources, and support the Department of Veterinary Medicine needed to address the accreditation issues facing the course. With oversight from the General Board, the School gained the assurances necessary to admit an intake of students in 2025, developed and implemented a work plan to restore full accreditation to the course, and kept the General Board informed as to the progress. The Department was a full partner in these efforts, with the School of the Biological Sciences devoting significant resources and key personnel. The work is still in progress; the course is now conditionally accredited by the RCVS for a second year, and a further visit is expected in October 2026.

Alongside these efforts, the General Board asked the School of the Biological Sciences to evaluate alternative models for the future of the course, some involving partnerships for delivery of its clinical elements, recognising that the course still does not have a sustainable way forward. Working with colleagues from the Department of Veterinary Medicine, the School deliberated at length on a number of possible models and concluded that none of them would solve the problems the course faces. It therefore recommended the closure of the course and the facilities that support it.

Although the General Board did not proceed with this recommendation, it affirms the careful and rigorous analysis carried out by the School of the Biological Sciences and will draw on it as it considers options for the course going forward. In the short run, the Department must continue to make the changes necessary to achieve full reaccreditation of the veterinary medicine course and to implement the operational changes that the Department proposed to the running of the veterinary hospital that are necessary to eliminate the budget overruns. These are matters of great urgency and will no longer be the responsibility of the School of the Biological Sciences. As the Department recognises, implementation will require new leadership, and the Faculty Board of Veterinary Medicine will manage and oversee these changes. The General Board will monitor progress on implementing these measures and their success.

The General Board fully recognises the strength of feeling which this issue has produced, especially in recent months, and the impacts on many in the Cambridge community. Following its decision, the General Board now encourages colleagues to work together in a positive and supportive way, and to help deliver the goals the Board has set out for the benefit of staff and students.

¹ See the statement published last week following the General Board decision (*Reporter*, 6816, 2025–26, p. 355).

Formalising outcomes from the first-year assessment of students on doctoral programmes

The General Board has agreed to formalise registration for the M.Phil. Degree by thesis as a possible outcome of a first-year assessment for a doctoral degree. The changes to the General Board Regulations below will allow the award of an M.Phil. Degree on more than one occasion in the specific circumstance of registration for a second M.Phil. Degree as an outcome of a first-year assessment for a doctoral degree.

(a) In the General Board Regulations for the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science, Master of Letters and Master of Philosophy by thesis (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 488) by inserting the following new Regulations 3(b) and 3(c) and renumbering existing Regulation 3 as Regulation 3(a) and updating any cross-references:

(b) If the Degree Committee considers that it cannot recommend a candidate be registered or remain registered for a doctoral degree based on the outcome of a probationary or first-year progress examination or report, but it can recommend that the candidate be registered or examined for the award of the M.Phil. Degree by thesis, the Degree Committee shall make that recommendation to the General Board. The General Board shall either approve the Degree Committee's recommendation or refer the matter back to the Degree Committee.

(c) No student shall be a candidate for the M.Phil. Degree by advanced study or by thesis on more than one occasion unless the requirements in Regulation 3(b) above are met.

(b) In the General Board Regulations for the degree of Master of Philosophy by Advanced Study (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 498) by inserting the following new Regulation 1(b) and renumbering existing Regulation 1 as Regulation 1(a) and updating any cross-references:

(b) No student shall be a candidate for the M.Phil. Degree by advanced study and for another University examination in the same term. No student shall be a candidate for the M.Phil. Degree by advanced study or by thesis on more than one occasion unless the requirements in Regulation 3(b) of the General Board Regulations for the degrees of Ph.D., M.Sc., M.Litt. and M.Phil. by thesis are met.

REGULATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS

Bioscience Enterprise for the M.Phil. Degree

With effect from 1 October 2027

The General Board, on the recommendation of the Degree Committee for the Faculties of Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, has approved Bioscience Enterprise as a course of study for the degree of Master of Philosophy by advanced study with effect from 1 October 2027. Special regulations for the examination have been approved as follows:

BIOSCIENCE ENTERPRISE

1. The scheme of examination for the one-year course of study in Bioscience Enterprise for the degree of Master of Philosophy shall consist of:

- (a) assessments offered in a format permitted under the Ordinance for Assessment Formats as prescribed by the Degree Committee for the Faculties of Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Medicine;
- (b) a dissertation, of no more than 10,000 words in length (excluding tables, footnotes, appendices and bibliography), on an individual research project on a topic proposed by the candidate and subject to the approval of the Degree Committee.

2. The examination may include, at the discretion of the Examiners, an oral examination on the work submitted by the candidate under Regulation 1(b) and on the general field of knowledge within which such work falls.

Cancer Biology and Medicine for the M.Phil. Degree

With effect from 1 October 2027

The General Board, on the recommendation of the Degree Committee for the Faculties of Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, has approved Cancer Biology and Medicine as a course of study for the degree of Master of Philosophy by advanced study with effect from 1 October 2027. Special regulations for the examination have been approved as follows:

CANCER BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE

1. The scheme of examination for the one-year course of study in Cancer Biology and Medicine for the degree of Master of Philosophy shall consist of:

- (a) assessments offered in a format permitted under the Ordinance for Assessment Formats as prescribed by the Degree Committee for the Faculties of Clinical Medicine and Veterinary Medicine;
- (b) a dissertation, of no more than 10,000 words in length (excluding tables, footnotes, appendices and bibliography), on an individual research project on a topic proposed by the candidate and subject to the approval of the Degree Committee. The dissertation shall comprise a literature review providing background to the project, an account of the methods used, and the outcome of the research project.

2. The examination may include, at the discretion of the Examiners, an oral examination on the work submitted by the candidate under Regulation 1 and on the general field of knowledge within which such work falls.

CLASS-LISTS, ETC.

Approved for degrees

The relevant Degree Committees have approved the following persons for the award of degrees. In the case of degrees where theses are required to be deposited in the University Library, the title of the thesis is shown after the name of the person by whom it was submitted. These lists do not include candidates who opted to withhold their names from publication.

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GRACES

Grace submitted to the Regent House on 4 March 2026

The Council submits the following Grace to the Regent House. This Grace, unless it is withdrawn or a ballot is requested in accordance with the regulations for Graces of the Regent House (*Statutes and Ordinances*, 2024, p. 111), will be deemed to have been approved at **4 p.m. on Friday, 13 March 2026**. Further information on requests for a ballot or the amendment of Graces is available to members of the Regent House on the Regent House Petitions site.[§]

- 1.** That the recommendations in paragraph 2 of the Joint Report of the Council and the General Board, dated 3 February 2026, on corrections to Special Ordinances concerning Selection Committees (*Reporter*, 6813, 2025–26, p. 313) be approved.

[§] Accessible by members of the Regent House at <https://universityofcambridgecloud.sharepoint.com/sites/RegentHousePetitions> [University account required].

ACTA

Approval of Graces submitted to the Regent House on 18 February 2026

The Graces submitted to the Regent House on 18 February 2026 (*Reporter*, 6815, 2025–26, p. 350) were approved at 4 p.m. on Friday, 27 February 2026.

Congregation of the Regent House on Saturday, 26 July 2025: Correction

In the list of persons upon whom degrees were conferred at the Congregation on Saturday, 26 July 2025, which was published on 30 July 2025 (*Reporter*, 6795, 2024–25, p. 798), the following name should be removed:

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Congregation of the Regent House on 28 February 2026

A Congregation of the Regent House was held at 10 a.m. All the Graces submitted to the Regent House (*Reporter*, 2025–26: 6814, p. 332 and 6816, p. 357) were approved.

The following degrees were conferred:

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COLLEGE NOTICES

Vacancies

Lucy Cavendish College: Research Associate; tenure: part-time (25 hours per week) for 24 months; salary: £24,000 (£36,000 FTE); closing date: 11 March 2026 at 9 a.m.; further details: <https://www.lucy.cam.ac.uk/vacancies/research-associate>

Queens' College: Rokos Postdoctoral Research Associateships 2026; up to eight available, any subject but History (Global, Medieval or Ancient), Theology and Religious Studies particularly welcome; tenure: one year in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal for a second year; closing date: 24 April 2026; further details: <https://www.queens.cam.ac.uk/about-us/vacancies/rokos-postdoctoral-research-associateships-2026/>

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Oxford Notices

Faculty of Law and Pembroke College: Rhodes Professorship of the Laws of the British Commonwealth and the United States; tenure: from 1 January 2027 or as soon as possible thereafter; closing date: 8 April 2026 at 12 noon; further details: <https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk>, vacancy ID: 185173

St Cross College: 12th Lorna Casselton Memorial Lecture 2026: Nobel Laureates Professor Victor Ambros (University of Massachusetts Medical School) and Professor Gary Ruvkun (Harvard Medical School) will speak on 'How experimental worm genetics and genomics revealed an ancient world of tiny RNAs' on Thursday, 14 May 2026 at 5 p.m. in person at the Mathematical Institute, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6GG, and online via livestream; admission free but registration required; further details: <https://www.stx.ox.ac.uk/event/lorna-casselton-memorial-lecture-2026>

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